

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House voted to override the President's veto of H.R. 1495, Water Resources Development Act of 2007.

The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 3043, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S13939–S14024

Measures Introduced: Six bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2309–2314, and S. Res. 367–370. **Page S13989**

Measures Reported:

S. 2113, to implement the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement. **Page S13989**

Measures Passed:

Drive Safer Sunday: Senate agreed to S. Res. 369, designating November 25, 2007, as "Drive Safer Sunday". **Page S14024**

Veterans Day Support: Senate agreed to S. Res. 370, supporting and encouraging greater support for Veterans Day each year. **Page S14024**

Measures Considered:

Farm Bill Extension Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S13947–81**

Pending:

Harkin Amendment No. 3500, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S13947**

Reid (for Dorgan/Grassley) Amendment No. 3508 (to Amendment No. 3500), to strengthen payment limitations and direct the savings to increased funding for certain programs. **Page S13947**

Reid Amendment No. 3509 (to Amendment No. 3508), to change the enactment date. **Pages S13947–48**

Reid Amendment No. 3510 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 3500), to change the enactment date. **Page S13948**

Reid Amendment No. 3511 (to Amendment No. 3510), to change the enactment date. **Page S13948**

Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, with instructions to report back forthwith, with Reid Amendment No. 3512. **Page S13948**

Reid Amendment No. 3512 (to the instructions of the motion to commit to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, with instructions), to change the enactment date. **Page S13948**

Reid Amendment No. 3513 (to the instructions of the motion to recommit), to change the enactment date. **Page S13948**

Reid Amendment No. 3514 (to Amendment No. 3513), to change the enactment date. **Page S13948**

Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations Act Conference Report—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 12:15 p.m., on Wednesday, November 7, 2007, Senate begin consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 3043, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, if it has been received from the House of Representatives; that there be one hour for debate equally divided between Senators Harkin, Reid, Specter, and Hutchison and two hours for debate under the control of the two Leaders, or their designees; provided further, that following the use or yielding back of time, Senator Hutchison be recognized to make a Rule 28 scope point of order, that Senator Harkin then be recognized to move to waive Rule 28 and Senate debate the motion as under the provisions of Rule 28; that if the point of order is sustained, Senator Coburn be recognized to move to suspend the rules, provided the motion had been timely filed, that there then be 30 minutes of

debate equally divided in the usual form, and that at the conclusion or yielding back of time, Senate vote on Senator Coburn's motion to suspend the rules; provided further, that if the motion to suspend is adopted, Senator Coburn's amendment be agreed to and Senate proceed to concur with the further amendment as under the rule, that if Senator Coburn's motion fails Senate vote immediately on the motion to recede and concur with the further amendment as under the rule; provided further, that if the motion to waive is successful, Senate vote on Thursday, November 8, 2007, on the motion to invoke cloture on the conference report as if it had been filed on Tuesday, November 6, 2007.

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Escort Committee—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the President pro tempore of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort His Excellency Nicolas Sarkozy, President of France, into the House Chamber for a joint meeting at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, November 7, 2007.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Patrick Francis Kennedy, of Illinois, to be an Under Secretary of State (Management). **Page S14024**

Messages from the House: **Pages S13988–89**

Measures Referred: **Page S13989**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:57 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 7, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S14024.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DOMESTIC ENERGY INDUSTRY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the efficacy of the domestic energy industry, focusing on its available workforce to meet our Nation's growing energy needs, after receiving testimony from Emily S. DeRocco, Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor; Patricia A. Hoffman, Deputy Director of Research and Development, and Acting Chief Operating Officer, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, and Ray Stults, Associate Director for Energy Sciences, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, both of the Department of Energy; Andra Cornelius, Workforce Florida, Inc., Tallahassee; Norm Szydlowski, Colonial Pipeline Company, Alpharetta, Georgia; James L. Hunter, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Utility Department, and Carol L. Berrigan, Nuclear Energy Institute, both of Washington, DC; and W. Paul Bowers, Southern Company Generation, Atlanta, Georgia.

PENSIONS

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Social Security, Pensions and Family Policy concluded a hearing to examine the Government Pension Offset (GPO), and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP), focusing on policies affecting pensions from employment not covered by Social Security, after receiving testimony from Senator Collins; Barbara D. Bovbjerg, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Priya S. Mathur, California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS), Sacramento, on behalf of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees; Lawrence H. Thompson, Urban Institute, Washington, DC; and Margaret Kane, Medford, Massachusetts.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Michael B. Mukasey, of New York, to be Attorney General.

VA MEDICAL FACILITIES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the hiring practices and quality control in Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical facilities, after receiving testimony from Gerald Cross, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health, Peter Almenoff, Director, VA Heartland Network, VISN 15, George O. Maish, Jr.,